



Gila County Superior Court

PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

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Supreme Court Public Access

The Public/media representatives may obtain general information about non-confidential statewide court cases by accessing the Supreme Court's Public Access to Court Information website at the following link:

<http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx>

By using this website, the public/media representatives who are interested in finding out what cases have been filed for a specific individual can enter that person's name to find all cases in the system that are associated with that person. A specific case can also be viewed by entering the case number.

Once the case is selected, general information will appear, and includes the pleadings filed, hearings held, and status of the case. For more information about the case than the website displays, you may contact the office of the Clerk of Court.

Gila County Court Public Access

If an agency of the media is interested in following the progress of a particular Gila County case or a public interest case, the media representative may identify that case to the office of the Court Administrator. Information about the case may still be obtained from the Public Access to Court Information website, as the direct link will save the media time when researching the case. This Court's website can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/courts/index.php>

Superior Court Calendar Access

The Superior Court calendar is also available via the Internet at the following link:

http://72.24.204.138:8080/gila_public/ev_srch.action

Media representatives may look for information on a court calendar by selecting a calendar and the dates of interest. Information about the cases, times, and types of hearings set on those dates will be displayed.

The Gila County Superior Court Public Interest List is also available via the Internet at the following link:

<http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/courts/index.php>

For general questions regarding cases on the Public Interest Case List or any other case, please contact: Coleen Stevens, Public Information Officer, at: cstevens@courts.az.gov, or (928) 402-8674.

In the event that you want to view court records or obtain a copy of court documents, a request is first to be made to the Clerk of Court's office.

Please Note: Prior to releasing any documents, the Clerk's office will review files before releasing them to the public/media, in case the document contains confidential material. If the document contains such confidential information, the Clerk's office will redact this information before releasing it. If the document is confidential, the public/media are not permitted to view it, such as with a Pre-sentence report. **There is also a 50 cent charge per page.**

NOTE:

Diversion/Deferred Program

It is the policy of the Gila County Attorney's Office to offer some first time felony offenders an opportunity to avoid having a felony conviction on their permanent criminal history if they successfully participate and complete the Diversion or Deferred Prosecution Program.

For a full explanation of this program, please visit the County Attorney's web page at the following link:

http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/county_attorney/diversion_deferred_program.php

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PENDING CASES

- CRIMINAL CASES -

Defendant:	Gasoa BALAS a.k.a. Joshua BALAS	Case #:	CR2012-382
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Michael Bernays
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	August 22, 2013, @ 3:30 September 18, 2013, @ 9:00	Status Conference Jury Trial	in GLOBE in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with causing the death of a minor. Other charges include assaulting a law enforcement officer, attempting to flee from a pursuing law enforcement vehicle, while driving without a license, and under the influence of alcohol and drugs.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Second Degree Murder Ct. 2 - Child Abuse / Domestic Violence Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Police Officer Ct. 4 - Unlawful Flight from Pursuing Law Enforcement Ct. 5 - Aggravated DUI Ct. 6 - Aggravated DUI w/License Suspended Ct. 7 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs w/License Suspended		

PENDING CASES

- CIVIL CASES -

Plaintiff:	DEBORAH NICHOLS	Defendant:	MICHAEL LOWE, PEAK MEDICAL CARE, PLLC
Case #:	CV2013-032		
Attorney for Plaintiff:	Neal H. Bookspan Laura A. Rogal Jaburg & Wilk, P.C.	Attorney for Defendant:	Pro Per
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	AWAITING HEARING DATE		
Case Notes:	Complainant alleges that the Defendant's actions breached his fiduciary and contractual duties and terms. Defendant is also said to have deliberately obstructed Plaintiff is seeking judgment be entered for compensatory damages and costs.		
Complaint:	Ct. 1 Breach of Fiduciary Duty – Dr. Michael Lowe Ct. 2 Intentional Interference With business Expectancy – Dr. Michael Lowe Ct. 3 Breach of Contract Ct. 4 Statutory Accounting Ct. 5 Issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order; Preliminary Injunction; Permanent Injunction		

CASES SET FOR TRIAL

- CIVIL CASES -

Plaintiff:	Dorothea HAWK	Defendant:	Rodney ANDERSON ANDERSON CHIROPATRIC CLINIC
Case #:	CV2009-346		
Attorney for Plaintiff:	Lloyd & Robinson	Attorney for Defendant:	Sanders & Parks
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	December 11, 2013	Trial Date	in PAYSON
Case Notes:	The Defendant is accused of negligence in the care of Ken Hawk, which it is alleged, ultimately caused the death of Mr. Hawk. The Plaintiff is suing for damages.		
Complaint:	Ct. 1 - Wrongful Death		

CASES SET FOR TRIAL

- CRIMINAL CASES -

Defendant:	Joshua Steven JENSEN	Case #:	CR2012-407
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Jonathan Warshaw
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	August 27, 2013	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia with the intent to consume.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Possession of Dangerous Drugs Ct. 2 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia		

Defendant:	Matthew Blaine SHANNON	Case #:	Cr2012-270
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Michael Freeman
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	September 17, 2013	Jury Trial	in PAYSON
Case Notes:	It is alleged that in December 2011, the Defendant was within a school zone area, in possession of heroin with the intention of selling the drug, while also being in possession of items of drug paraphernalia and a firearm. The Defendant is also charged with taking heroin to a correctional facility.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Possession of a Narcotic Drug for Sale >Threshold in a School Zone Ct. 2 - Promoting Prison Contraband Ct. 3 - Misconduct Involving Weapons committed w/Drug Offense in a School Zone Ct. 4 - Possession of a Narcotic Drug in a School Zone Ct. 5 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in a Drug Free School Zone		

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RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	David Eric MIKULAK	Case #:	CR2012-009
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney	Defense:	Jason Squires
Judge:	<i>Peter J. Cahill</i> <i>Heard by:</i> Gary V. Scales	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with conspiring with the intent to sell a dangerous drug, as well as having items of drug paraphernalia.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Conspiracy to Sell a Dangerous Drug Ct. 2 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Class 2 Felony Class 6 Felony	
DISPOSITION:	CHANGE OF PLEA		
SENTENCING:	AUGUST 12, @ 10:30	SENTENCING	in GLOBE
CONVICTION:	CT. 1 - ATTEMPTED CONSPIRACY TO SELL A DANGEROUS DRUG CLASS 3 FELONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentenced to the Department of Corrections, three (3) years, with credit for 50 days Community Restitution All Fines, Fees and Surcharges 		

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Brandon Lee LEWIS	Case #:	CR2012-336
Prosecutor:	Gila County Attorney's Office	Defense:	Michael Harper Chuck Walker
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant was charged with a number of counts of assaulting Peace Officers, acting in a manner to prevent his arrest, as well as causing damage to a police vehicle and police uniform.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Class 4 Felony Ct. 2 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Class 5 Felony Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Class 5 Felony Ct. 4 - Resisting Arrest Class 6 Felony Ct. 5 - Criminal Damage Class 6 Felony Ct. 6 - Criminal Damage Class 2 Misdemeanor		
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL - commenced on April 30, 2013		
VERDICT:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Ct. 2 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer Ct. 4 - Resisting Arrest Ct. 5 - Criminal Damage Ct. 6 - Criminal Damage	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	AUGUST 6, @ 11:00	SENTENCING	in PAYSON
CONVICTION:	CT. 2 - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER CLASS 5 FELONY CT. 3 - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER CLASS 5 FELONY CT. 4 - RESISTING ARREST CLASS 6 FELONY CT. 5 - CRIMINAL DAMAGE CLASS 6 FELONY CT. 6 - CRIMINAL DAMAGE CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended Sentence Sentenced to thirty (30) days in the Gila County Jail - <i>deferred</i> Probation two (2) years Community Restitution – sixty (60) hours All Fines, Fees and Surcharges 		